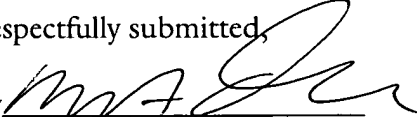


REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 22 have been canceled without prejudice to their underlying subject matter. Claims 14-21 are now pending. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications. Favorable action on the application is solicited.

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